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	Examiner	Art Unit	
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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 10 June 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 18-22 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☒ Claim(s) 20 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 18-19, 21-22 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 18, 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Anderson et al.

Anderson et al discloses a body, two pockets (24 or 26, 58), a piercing tool (see figure 1), a pill splitter (see the blades in figure 1), and a prying tool (see figure 1). Note that a blade may easily be used to split a pill. Anderson et al additionally discloses a container opener (78, 80, 82, 84).

3. Claims 18, 19 and 21 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Schad.

Schad any number of additional tools and references U.S. Patent No. 899,408 which discloses a variety of blades and piercing tools attached to a tool body. Consequently, Schad discloses a body, two or more pockets (14, 16, 18), a piercing tool (26 or one of the additional piercing tools mentioned in U.S. Patent No. 899,408), a pill splitter (26 or one of the additional tool blades mentioned in U.S. Patent No. 899,408), and a prying tool (one of the additional tools mentioned in U.S. Patent No. 899,408).

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Note that a blade may easily be used to split a pill. Anderson et al additionally discloses a container opener (78, 80, 82, 84).

4. Claims 18-19 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Sorenson et al.

Note the pockets (80, 82), piercing tool (44), and pill splitter (opposed element 44).

5. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being clearly anticipated by Widman.

6. Claim 18 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being clearly anticipated by Taylor et al.

7. Claim 20 is allowed.

8. Claim 22 is objected to under 37 CFR 1.75 as being a substantial duplicate of claim 20. When two claims in an application are duplicates or else are so close in content that they both cover the same thing, despite a slight difference in wording, it is proper after allowing one claim to object to the other as being a substantial duplicate of the allowed claim. See MPEP § 706.03(k).

9. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the

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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

*		Document Number Country Code-Number-Kind Code	Date MM-YYYY	Name	Classification
	A	US-899,408	09-1908	Taylor et al	30/408
	B	US-4,549,451	10-1985	Widman, Bruno	81/3.47
	C	US-5,197,194	03-1993	Sorensen et al.	30/260
	D	US-6,092,289	07-2000	Schad, Clemens T.	30/112
	E	US-6,289,768	09-2001	Anderson et al.	81/3.09
	F	US-D447,923	09-2001	Taylor et al.	D8/40
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*A copy of this reference is not being furnished with this Office action. (See MPEP § 707.05(a).)
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